

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hand-held cutting tool for cutting a fiber optic cable having an optical fiber surrounded by at least one protective layer comprising a first cutting member and a second cutting member. The first cutting member is attached to the second cutting
5 member allowing for movement between an opened position and a closed position. The first cutting member has a blunt surface and a sharp surface. The second cutting member has a blunt surface and a sharp surface. The blunt surface of the first cutting member and the blunt surface of the second cutting member are capable of crushing the optical fiber without cutting through the protective layer. The sharp surface of the first cutting
10 member and the sharp surface of the second cutting member are capable of cutting through the protective layer.

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